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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Pursuant to the standing vote of the Town of Sanford, the Selectmen make the following Report:

Miscellaneous Expenses.

FROM FEB. 22, 1870, TO FEB. 22, 1871, FOR WHICH ORDERS HAVE BEEN DRAWN.

Paid	Charles O. Lord, for auditing town accounts for 1870,	$3 00
"	Joseph Ridley, for express on town reports for 1870,	50
"	Watson Bros., for printing town reports for 1870,	30 00
"	Hoyt, Fogg & Breed, for blank books, orders and limits,	7 25
"	Simon Tebbetts, for ex-services as constable and paying State tax,	17 00
"	Edwin Fernald, for printing check lists,	10 68
"	George B. Ilsley, for services as S. S. Committee for 1870,	25 50
"	James M. Nowell, for notifying officers to take oath,	5 25
"	Asa Low, for services as S. S. Committee, 1870,	41 50
"	Lyman Littlefield, for surveying road near Wm. Webber's,	3 00
"	A. W. Dam, for services as town agent,	4 00
"	" " " " Selectman after settlement of '69,	4 75
"	Charles F. Moulton, tax on town farm in School District No. 2, for the year 1869,	3 14
"	John Merrill, tax on town farm in School District No. 10, for the year 1870,	96
"	John Merrill, tax on town farm in School District No. 2, for the year 1870,	3 00
Paid	James G. Young, for insurance on town buildings,	19 00
"	Hosea S. Merrifield, for services as S. S. Committee,	21 00
"	Lewis Butler, for one day and fare going to Portland after Eunice E. Goodwin,	5 40
"	Lewis Butler, for stamps and stationery, Selectmen's office,	6 39
"	Hosea Willard, for sawing lumber and sled timber,	4 50
	Amount carried forward,	$215 83

Amount brought forward,	$215 82
Paid William Russell, for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	50 00
" Hosea Willard, for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	46 50
" Lewis Butler, for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	66 50
" Jonas C. Littlefield, for services as Treasurer, for stamps and stationery,	30 00
" Jonas C. Littlefield, for interest paid on $259, orders of 1869,	3 58
" John Merrill, for services as Collector, for stamps, stationery and tax bills,	70 50
" Joshua Littlefield, for copying and posting warrants for three town meetings,	5 00
	$487 90

Town Farm and Pauper Expenses.

Paid Mary A. Butterfield, for boarding and nursing Charles W. Ridley, Alfred pauper, 1869,	$25 00
" John Merrill, for meal for town farm,	13 80
" George A. Frost, for cloth for town farm,	6 50
" Noah Sanborn, for surgical attendance, Michæl Donald,	4 00
" City of Portland, for board, and medicine and express, John McBride,	12 00
" Hosea Willard, for conveying transient paupers out of the State,	11 75
" A. W. Dam, for fare of Michæl Donald out of State,	5 55
" M. W. Emery, for flannel for town farm,	1 67
" Rev. Mr. Goodell, for attending Christana Wallace's funeral,	2 00
" Hosea Willard, for conveying Mrs. Collins and child out of town,	8 00
" City of Portland, for board of Eunice E. Goodwin,	7 50
" A. W. Dam, for doctoring town poor to April 1, 1871,	15 00
" Samuel Jackson and wife, for services on town farm to April 1, 1871,	220 00
" A. W. Dam, for medical attendance on Charles W. Ridley, Alfred pauper,	13 00
" Ferdinand A. Butler, for supplies furnished Mrs. Hosea Welch,	10 00
	$355 77

Amount brought forward,		$355 77
There should be deducted from this account $38, paid into the treasury from town of Alfred for support of Charles W. Ridley,	$38 00	
Amount paid to Treasurer, difference between oxen,	40 00	
" " " proceeds of town farm,	16 18	
" " " from Mrs. Hosea Welch,	10 00	
		104 18
Balance against town farm and all pauper expenses,		$251 59

There are now on the Town Farm 3 cows, 7 tons hay, 1 swine, 12 cords wood, 1 2-3 bbl. soap, 30 bushels corn, 16 hens, 2 bushels beans, 5 bushels barley, 1 bushel peas, 70 bushels potatoes, 18 bushels turnips and carrots, 20 bushels apples, 1 1-2 bushel onions, 35 pounds butter, 4 bbls. cider, 1 bbl. beef, 1 3-4 bbl. pork, 150 pounds cabbage, 30 pounds lard, 17 pounds candles and tallow, 2-3 barrel flour and 25 pounds dried apples.

There are now on the farm Leonard Litchfield, aged 63 years; Phebe Linscott, aged 77 years; Sarah Wilkinson, aged 82 years: Hannah C. Cram, aged 25 years. One death has occurred on the farm the past year, that of Christana Wallace, aged 68 years.

We have had several transient paupers on the farm the past year. They had no settlement in this State but we deemed it our duty to provide for them.

Discount on Taxes.

For 1868,		$56 77

Abatement of Taxes.

For 1869,	$50 08	
For 1870,	92 00	
		142 08
Amount of Discount and Abatements,		$198 85

Law Suits.

Paid Asa Low, for attorney's fee in hearing before C. C., on petition of E. Grant and others and answering to indictment on Staples' hill road,	$41 50
" Charles Butler, for witness fee on hearing before C. C., petition of E. Grant,	1 74
" W. P. True, for witness fee on hearing before C. C., petition of E. Grant,	1 37
Amount carried forward,	$44 61

Amount brought forward,	$44 63
Paid James M. Nowell, for witness fee on hearing before C. C., petition E. Grant,	1 50
" David Pray, for witness fee on hearing before C. C., petition of E. Grant.	1 50
" Nehemiah Butler, for witness fee on hearing before C. C., petition of E. Grant,	1 62
" George W. Pray, for witness fee on hearing before C. C., petition of E. Grant,	1 50
" Andrew Hayes, for witness fee on hearing before C. C., petition of E. Grant.	1 37
" George Nowell, for witness fee on hearing before C. C., petition of E. Grant,	1 50
	$53 60

Roads and Bridges.

Paid Enoch Perkins, for repairs on road in District No. 26,	$3 00
" Silas M. Moulton, for drawing stone for Sanford Corner Bridge.	18 81
" Pelatiah Witham, for labor on Sanford Corner bridge,	44 00
" North Berwick Co., for use derrick on Sanford Corner bridge,	22 00
" John Carroll, for labor and cash on Province Mill bridge,	22 55
" Charles O. Emery, for labor on Sanford Corner bridge,	4 00
" John Tebbetts for drawing stone for Sanford Corner bridge,	5 00
" Porter Hobbs, for 8 stringers for Province Mill bridge,	75 00
" William Russell, for labor and cash paid on Sanford Corner bridge,	45 50
" George W. Thompson, for labor, plank and stringers for Sanford Corner bridge,	55 32
" Hosea Willard, for labor, plank, railing and cash on Sanford Corner bridge,	144 58
" Nathaniel F. Hurd, for labor and cash on road in District No. 20.	23 12
" Charles F. Clark, for building Springvale bridge,	919 00
" Lewis Butler, for labor on Sanford Corner bridge,	6 00
" Flanders Hatch, for labor on Sanford Corner bridge,	49 04
" Jonas C. Littlefield, for cash on Butler bridge and road,	40 00
" Porter Hobbs, for taking out stone abutment bridge at Springvale,	50 00
" Frank Tebbetts, for labor and stone for Sanford Corner bridge,	32 00
" Samuel F. Allen, for labor on bridge in District No. 26,	17 00
Amount carried forward,	$1,575 92

Amount brought forward,	$1,575 92
Paid Thomas Goodall, for stone for Sanford Corner bridge.	10 92
" Horace Bennett, for stone for Sanford Corner bridge,	47 64
" William Russell, for plank, labor and cash paid on Linscott, Whitcher, and Davis bridges,	33 80
" Moses Littlefield, for plank for Province Mill bridge,	27 22
" Lewis Moulton. for plank and labor on Willard bridge,	23 67
" John H. Moulton, for labor and cash paid on road in District No. 2, and repairing guide boards,	11 50
" Edmund Goodwin, for plank for Jelleson's bridge,	6 90
" Otis R. Willard, for 6 stringers and labor on Willard's bridge,	25 00
" Asa Low, for plank for bridge,	1 68
" John H. Bedell, for timber for bridge,	3 00
	$1,767 25

Many of our roads and bridges were rendered impassable by the heavy freshet of last April; three bridges were washed out so as to necessitate our rebuilding, and a number of others had to be repaired. The roads also were badly washed and required a large amount of extra labor. These repairs have made our road and bridge bills very large.

We repaired the Staples' hill road, upon which an indictment had been made, out of the highway money. This indictment was discharged at the January Term of the Supreme Judicial Court; we expect a small bill of costs upon this indictment.

School Money.

The money raised for Schools was apportioned to the several School Districts, and orders have been drawn for nearly all of it.

Town of Sanford,

In Account with Moses W. Emery, Collector for the year 1868.

1870.		Dr.
Feb. 22.	To balance due the town on settlement,	$256 77
1870.		Cr.
Mar. 10.	By orders this day taken up and destroyed,	$256 77

Town of Sanford,

IN ACCOUNT WITH SIMON TEBBETTS, COLLECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1869.

1870.		Dr.
Feb. 22.	To amount now in the hands of Simon Tebbetts, Collector of Sanford,	$2,191 94
" 27.	To supplement tax, G. E. Allen,	2 55
Mar. 5.	To cash received of State Treasurer, on war debt,	41 67
	" State Bonds received of State Treasurer,	11,700 00
	" Supplement tax, Nathaniel L. Thompson and George Wise, Kennebunk,	10 69
June 20.	To interest received on the State Bonds up to April 1, 1870,	351 00
	" cash received from the town of Alfred for support of, and medical attendance on, Charles W. Ridley, pauper,	38 00
	" recd. State pension of Ira M. Welch,	72 00
	" cash recd. of Lewis Butler, difference in oxen on farm,	40 00
	" cash recd. of A. W. Dam, from Mrs. Hosea Welch,	10 00
		$14,457 85

1870.		Cr.
June 20.	By paid balance of State tax for 1869,	$1,134 69
	" amount of orders this day taken up and destroyed,	915 64
	" paid Ira M. Welch, State pension,	72 00
	" returned non-resident taxes to Jonas C. Littlefield, town Treasurer,	208 22
	" cash paid for going to State Treasurer after State Bonds,	14 80
" 21,	" amount of orders this day given up and destroyed,	78 70
	" " " " " " "	19 71
	" State Bonds to Jonas C. Littlefield, town Treasurer,	11,700 00
Aug. 13.	" amount as error in entering orders destroyed Feb. 15, 1870,	98 00
		$14,241 76
Aug. 13.	Balance due the town from Simon Tebbetts, as Collector, 1869,	$216 09

Town of Sanford,

JOHN MERRILL, COLLECTOR OF THE TOWN OF SANFORD, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN.

1870.		Dr.
Aug. 15.	To tax list committed to you as follows:	
	Town tax for support of Schools,	$2,500 00
	" " " Poor and other charges	500,00
	Overlay,	114 84
	Highway tax returned for the year 1869,	35 76
	Supplementary tax " " " 1870,	54 46
		$3,205 06

1870.		Cr.
	By paid Jonas C. Littlefield, Town Treasurer,	$385 00
	" " " " "	615 00
	" " " " "	500 00
Jan. 21.	" " " " "	500 00
	" " " " "	990 30
	" " " " "	9 70
		$3,000 00
	Bal. due the town from John Merrill, Collector of '70,	$205 06

Town of Sanford in Account with Jonas C. Littlefield, Treasurer for 1870.

1870.		Dr.
June 2.	To received of Simon Tebbetts, Collector and Treasurer, non-resident tax of 1869,	$208 22
"	received of Simon Tebbetts, Collector and Treasurer, State Bonds,	11,700 00
"	recd. interest on State Bonds,	6 00
"	cash recd. for oxen sold, town farm,	175 00
"	recd. interest on $1000, State Bonds, 4 3-4 months,	23 70
"	recd. cash of John B. Bodwell, for use of Town House for 1869,	15 00
"	recd. of John Merrill, Collector, '70,	385 00
"	" " " " " "	615 00
"	" int. on State bonds to Oct. 1, '70,	300 00
"	recd. of John Merrill, Collector, '70,	500 00
1871.		
Jan. 21.	" " " " " "	500 00
"	" of State Treasurer, pension for Ira M. Welch,	61 69
Feb. 17.	" recd. of John Merrill, Collector, '70,	990 30
"	" " " " " "	9 70
"	" of Hosea Willard, for use of Town House,	12 00
"	recd. interest on $3400, State Bonds, 2 months,	34 00
Feb. 18.	" recd. cash from proceeds town farm by Selectmen,	16 18
"	recd. cash from highway money by Selectmen,	10 88
		$15,562 67

1870.		Cr.
Aug. 13.	Discount on $600, State Bonds,	$12 12
"	" $1000, " "	40 00
"	" non-resident tax, 1869, and returned road tax, 1868,	39 14
"	Paid Ira M. Welch, State pension,	54 00
"	" " " " " "	7 69
"	Discount on $500, State Bonds,	20 00
"	" $200, " "	8 00
"	" $3400, " "	102 00
"	Paid State tax for 1870,	3,368 52
"	" County tax for 1870,	705 91
1871.		
Feb. 18.	Amount of orders this day taken up and destroyed,	$5,050 56
		$9,407 94
Feb. 18.	Balance due the town from Jonas C. Littlefield, Treasurer for 1870,	$6,154 73

Due from the Town, as follows:

1871.		
Feb. 22.	Amount of outstanding orders unpaid,	$355 34
	" due the several School Districts,	235 88
		$591 22

Assets of the Town.

1871.		
Feb. 22.	Due from Simon Tebbetts, Collector for 1869,	$216 09
	" " John Merrill, " " 1870,	205 06
	" " Jonas C. Littlefield, Treasurer for 1870, in cash,	154 73
	" from Jonas C. Littlefield, Treasurer for 1870, in Maine State Bonds,	6,000 00
	Interest due on the State Bonds up to Feb. 22, 1871,	142 00
	Due from the State School fund,	60 82
		$6,778 70
	Amount of outstanding orders unpaid and money due the several School Districts,	591 22
	Balance in favor of the town,	$6,187 48

LEWIS BUTLER,
WILLIAM RUSSELL,
HOSEA WILLARD, } Selectmen of Sanford.

I have examined the accounts of the Town of Sanford, as exhibited to me by the Selectmen of said Town, and find them correct.

CHAS. O. LORD, Auditor.

SANFORD, Feb. 23, 1871.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The School Committee of Sanford make the following Report:

DISTRICT No. 1. ASA LOW, *Agent.*

There were three terms. Summer and fall terms, ten weeks each; winter, twelve weeks.

JULIETTE D. HEATH was teacher of summer term in Primary Department. On first visit found 66 pupils, and the school doing well. Number registered, 76; average attendance, 67. Miss H. kept strict order. Her zeal and energy were commendable, and the term's work very satisfactory.

The Fall Term of this department was kept by OLIVE P. MERRILL. Scholars registered, 62; average number, 47. Lessons were well learned and well recited. Good interest was kept up, and decided improvement made. Miss M. is an excellent teacher.

The Winter Term was taught by NETTIE HEMINGWAY. When visited the school made good appearance. The teacher seemed earnest in her work and pleasant in her management. We noticed good progress in the reading.

The teacher of Summer Term in Grammar Department was Miss M. A. FERGUSON, a graduate of one of our normal schools. She has fine qualifications for a teacher. Her term opened well, and we expected excellent improvement; but quite a number of the scholars dropped off before the close, and when last visited we found only 26 present, though the average was 42. Those at examination, however, showed that they had had good instruction.

The Fall Term was kept by A. WILLIE LOW. The average attendance was 32. The interest in study was quite well sustained. Teacher rather too easy in granting scholars' requests. The advancement in the text-books was not rapid, though generally thorough. Mr. L., by experience, will make a good teacher.

The Winter Term was taught by J. SUMNER FROST. This was his first experience, and he labored under the disadvantage of being in his own district. But by perseverance, and the exercise of wholesome punishments, good order was attained, due respect won, and good improvement

made. With a deep interest in his work, he bids fair to make a first-class teacher.

The terms on the whole have been profitable, and the progress of the children gratifying. We would remind the parents of the very sad mistake they make of taking their children out of school and putting them to work in the shop or mill.

DISTRICT No. 2. C. O. EMERY, *Agent.*

The Summer Term of the Primary school was kept by ANNIE M. LITTLEFIELD. It was thought first that one teacher could manage both departments, and so only one school was opened, but it was found necessary to grade them after a week's trial. Miss L. was employed for the lower grade. It was her first attempt, and she succeeded very well. The scholars, we are convinced, made much better progress than they otherwise would, without the grading. Miss L. has some excellent qualities for a teacher. Whole number, 40; average attendance, 35. This shows good interest, and speaks well for parents and teacher.

The Summer Term of the upper grade was kept by MARIA L. WITHAM. She is one of our very best teachers, and always gives pleasing satisfaction. She seems to understand her work, and knows how to do it. The drill which she gives her pupils is thorough and highly valuable. After the division Miss W. had 39 registered, and they averaged 34 17-45 in attendance.

Miss L. also taught the Winter Term in the lower grade with excellent success. Sickness interrupted the last part of the term somewhat. Whole number of scholars, 52; regular attendance, 42.

The upper grade, Winter Term, was kept by E. H. Lord, who kept the same last winter. Upon our first visit there were 28 present, and a good interest awakened. Mr. L. bears himself well in the school-room. At the close only 17 were in attendance. Sickness occasioned the absence of several,—and knowledge of the Committee's visit, others. Of those present, evidence was given of thorough drilling. The rules of arithmetic were well learned. In fact, all of the recitations showed marks of decided improvement. The average of 27 out of 34 registered was not so bad as it might have been. But it strikes us that out of the whole number of scholars in this district, more should be in attendance in the winter. The mill and the shop must not be allowed to rob the scholar of his schooling. Money is useful, but the getting of knowledge is the surest way of gaining it.

DISTRICT No. 3. GEO. YOUNG, *Agent.*

Both Summer and Winter terms were taught by MARY J. FOLSOM. She is an old teacher, and has a faculty of wonderfully interesting her scholars. Her style, however, is not the most profitable. There was too much of recitation in concert, inducing unnatural tones of voice. There was some lack of methodical arrangement, yet fair improvement was

made. If she should take more pains to put each scholar on his or her own responsibility in study and recitation, it would be a decided improvement. No. of scholars in summer term, 40 — average attendance, 28; in winter term, 43 — average, 40.

DISTRICT No. 4. WILLIAM MUCHMORE, *Agent.*

The Fall Term was taught by HOSEA S. MERRIFIELD. 30 scholars registered. Good order was kept and a healthful interest awakened in study, and, as the result, fine improvement was made. Average attendance, 24. For comfort of scholars and teacher, the school room should be much higher posted and otherwise enlarged. Mr. H. is a good teacher and does solid work.

DISTRICT No. 5. ENOCH K. LORD, *Agent.*

The Summer Term was taught by ELIZABETH A. GOULD. She brought excellent qualifications for instructing in the various branches. The school appeared well and we hoped for much improvement, but several of the larger boys inclining to make disturbance, and the teacher not being able to hold them under the needful discipline, our hopes were not realized. The term continued only six weeks. No. of scholars, 33; average, 20. In a different school we have no doubt Miss G. would succeed finely.

The Fall Term MARIA L. WITHAM taught with good success and entire satisfaction. Average, 24.

DISTRICT No. 6. WILLIAM RUSSELL, *Agent.*

AMANDA E. MOULTON, teacher. Whole number of scholars, 20; average number, 16. The scholars in this school made very good progress in their studies. At the second visit of the Committee there appeared to be a lack of order.

DISTRICT No. 7. LUTHER DAY, *Agent.*

MARY K. FISK taught both the Summer and Fall Terms. She is a faithful teacher and kept a good school. The scholars learned well, and seemed to appreciate their privileges. Average number, 13.

DISTRICT No. 8. GEORGE JACOBS, *Agent.*

MARY W. WHEELWRIGHT taught both Terms in this District, and acquitted herself very well. Her order was not quite up to the mark, but some allowance should be made on account of the uncomfortable and inconvenient school room. On one visit the stove pipe was out of joint and the smoke pouring into the room badly, and there were not seats enough to accommodate the pupils.

The school-house is very badly proportioned and has no cheerful aspect in it. We would advise the making of improvements or building anew. Scholars attending Summer Term, 33; average, 29. Fall Term, 39; average, 32. On the whole, the school made good improvement.

DISTRICT No. 9. ROBERT CARROLL, *Agent.*

HUBBARD FOGG taught the Winter Term with his usual success.

DISTRICT No. 10. JEREMIAH MOULTON, *Agent.*

ELLEN M. EMERY, teacher. This school made excellent appearance. Miss Emery stands among the best of our teachers. The scholars all seem to love their books.

DISTRICT No. 11. WILLIAM BENNETT, *Agent.*

CLARA A. QUINT, teacher. Miss Quint kept an excellent school. Number of scholars registered, 18; average, 15.

DISTRICT No. 13. NAHUM P. ALLEN, *Agent.*

ABBIE A. HURD taught this school with fine success. There was first rate order and a deep interest in study. Every class showed marks of careful instruction. More blackboards are needed. Whole number of scholars in attendance, 15; average 13.

DISTRICT No. 14. ENOCH PERKINS, *Agent.*

OLIVE S. LITTLEFELD taught this school, which is very small, only 6 scholars attending. Miss Litttlefield succeeded very well—and very fair improvement was made.

DISTRICT No. 15.

There has been no school.

DISTRICT No. 16. WILLIAM C. WEYMOUTH, *Agent.*

A. CARRIE HAM taught both Terms in this district. There was a little tronble in the second Term, but otherwise very good interest was sustained and fair progress made. Average attendance 23, out of 28 and 25,

DISTRICT No. 17. PORTER HOBBS, *Agent.*

Both Terms were taught by ELIZA J. RUSSELL, an experienced teacher. Through some misunderstanding with the Committee this school was visited only once, at which time such marks of interest and faithfulness were manifest on part of both teacher and scholars that we judge good results followed.

This completes our Report in brief, from which you may judge that the schools have enjoyed a good degree of prosperity during the year. We could wish that a new and deeper interest might be awakened throughout the town, for certainly nothing so much concerns our future welfare as the success of our common schools. The visits of Mr. Mabry, County Supervisor, and his efforts to promote the interests of our schools have proved of advantage. The town should never think of raising less money for this cause than they did last year.

Districts not mentioned use their money in other towns, being situated near the line. The length of most of the terms has been from 10 to 12 weeks. With one or two exceptions the Committee have visited each school two or more times, and have endeavored to attend faithfully to the duties you have committed to them.

ASA LOW,
H. S. MERRIFIELD,
GEO. B. ILSLEY,
} S. S. Committee of Sanford.

February 21, 1871.

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FROM FEB. 22. 1871 TO FEB. 22, 1872, FOR WHICH ORDERS HAVE BEEN DRAWN.

Paid Charles O. Lord for auditing accounts for 1871,	$ 3 00
George B. Ilsley, for services as S. S. Committee, 1870,	32 50
Watson Brothers, for printing town Reports for 1870,	30 00
Howard Frost, for services as Justice in 1870,	1 50
Watson Brothers, for blanks for town,	4 75
Bailey & Noyes, for blank books for town,	7 10
William Russell, for oxen,	160 00
A. B. Wood, for blank books.	5 00
George B. Ilsley, for services as S. S. Committee,	45 25
A. Prescott, for assessment on insurance,	1 80
George Nowell, for notifying town meetings in 1870 and 1871.	6 00
Asa Low, for services as S. S. Committee,	35 50
Hosea Merrifield, for services as S. S. Committee.	25 00
Samuel Nowell, for plough for farm.	12 00
Simon Tebbets, for damage of sleigh, as per agreement of Selectmen in 1870,	25 00
William Russell, for services as Selectman, &c.,	38 00
Lewis Butler, " " " "	39 25
A. W. Dam, " " " "	62 00
Albert J. Smith, for collecting tax, postage and stationery,	58 00
Jonas C. Littlefield, for services as Treasurer,	36 00
Charles O. Emery, for notifying town meetings,	
Smyth & Goodwin, for damage of sleigh, in consequence of defective road,	5 00
A. W. Dam, for postage and stationery, for Selectmen's office,	6 09
	$638 74
We have charged in the above $160, the amount paid for oxen. last spring, the amount paid in to the Treasurer, received for oxen, should be deducted	140 00
Balance,	$498 74

Town Farm and Pauper Expenses.

Paid North Berwick, for sickness and funeral expenses of Mrs. Jacob Ricker, in 1870,		$50 00
At Acton, for board, nursing and doctor's bill of Theodore Linscott.		45 50
Ricker & Herson, for supplies furnished John Pierce family, (Wells paupers),		9 00
B. F. Hanson, for corn and meal for farm,		9 05
Joseph M. Pillsbury, for coffin and box for Elijah Ricker,		13 75
A. W. Dam, for pigs for town farm,		10 00
Isaac Brackett, for clothes for Leonard Litchfield,		10 63
Nancy R. Merrill, for grave clothes for Elijah Ricker,		2 10
Rev. Mr. Yeoman, for attending funeral of Elijah Ricker,		2 00
State Reform School, for board of William Nason, to be paid back by the town of Acton,		11 00
A. W. Dam, for doctoring the poor, and medicine,		10 15
Samuel Jackson and wife, for services to April 1, 1872,		240 00
		$413 18
There should be deducted from this account the amount paid in to the Treasurer by the town of Wells, for supplies furnished John Pierce family,	$ 9 00	
Amount paid State Reform School, for board of William Nason, now due from the town of Acton,	11 00	
Amount paid N. Berwick, for sickness, &c., of Mrs. Jacob Ricker, bill of 1870, paid in 1871,	50 00	
Cash paid in to the Treasurer by A. W. Dam, for cider sold from farm,	5 00	
Cash paid in to the Treasurer by A. W. Dam, for produce &c., sold from farm,	38 00	
		$113 00
Balance against the farm, and all pauper expenses for 1871,		$300 18

The hay crop on the farm fell short one-half, last season, and we found that if we wintered the oxen it would be necessary to buy three tons of hay or its equivalent in grain, therefore we thought it for the interest of the town to sell the oxen, which was done the last of November. The wearing apparel of the paupers at the town farm, some farming tools, crockery ware and bedding for the house, which it has been necessary to furnish the past year, have all been paid for from the proceeds of the farm, except $10.63 paid for coat and pants for Leonard Litchfield and $43 paid in to the Treasurer of the town. We find now on the farm 3 cows, 4 1-2 tons of hay, 1 swine, 30 bushels corn, 15 bushels barley, 2 bushels white beans, 3 1-2 bushels peas, 80 bushels potatoes, 30 bushels carrots and tur-

nips, 3 barrels apples, 20 hens, 32 pounds butter, 2 barrels pork, 1 barrel soap, 40 pounds lard, 3 bushels onions, 20 pounds dried apples, 3-4 barrel flour, and 8 cords of wood.

The following named persons are now on the farm: Leonard Litchfield, aged 64 years; Phebe Linscott, aged 78 years; Sarah Wilkinson, aged 83 years; Betsey Moore, aged 65 years.

Elijah Ricker died at the town house, in January last, and was interred in the town's burying ground, at the expense of the town.

Roads and Bridges.

Paid Charles O. Emery, for stringers for Great Works Bridge,	$ 24 00
William Webber, for damage for land taken for new road,	60 00
John Carroll, for building new road.	225 00
Allen and Jordan, for stringers for bridge.	4 98
William Bennett, for building bridge near Simon Tebbet's Mill,	21 50
John Morrison, for work on roads and bridges,	13 50
Frank Fall, for repairs on road,	3 00
Samuel D. Tebbets, for damage for land taken for new road,	20 00
Edmund Goodwin, for plank for Great Works bridge,	21 60
Thomas K. Bennett, for stringers and plank for bridge near Simon Tebbets' Mill,	30 60
George Jacobs, for stringers and plank for bridge near Jotham Johnson's,	14 00
Howard Frost, for surveying road (near Brick School House, so called),	2 00
	$440 18

The heavy rains of last season damaged our road in many localities very much by washing. They were repaired mostly out of the highway money. The road leading by Samuel Morrison's and Capt. Charles Butler's to Lebanon, will require an additional amount of money the coming season to make it safe for the traveling public; also, the road by N. F. Hurd's to Lebanon. We found it necessary to rebuild the bridges over the Great Works Stream and near Simon Tebbetts' Mill this last season. The bridge near Jotham Johnson's (or Sanford's part) must be rebuilt the coming Spring, as the abutment is of wood, and very rotten. The rest of our bridges are in a very good condition.

Abatement of Taxes.

For 1869,	$65 41	
1870,	46 76	
1871,	51 49	
		$165 66

Law Suits.

Paid Asa Low, for answering to indictment on road by Jacob Morrison's, May Term,	$ 6 00
Paid Asa Low, for answering to indictment on railroad crossing and on road back of F. H. Butler's house, at Sept. Term, 1871, and Jan. Term, 1872,	12 00
Paid Supreme Judicial Court, for costs on indictment on road by Jacob Morrison's,	9 33
Paid Supreme Judicial Court for costs on indictment on railroad crossings and on road back of F. H. Butler's house,	6 12
	$33 45

After settlement with the Treasurer, and before this report was completed, A. W. Dam collected of the P. & R. R. Co. $12, for costs and attorney's fees on the above indictment, over the R. R. crossing, and that amount is now in his hands, belonging to the town, and should be deducted from the above. $12 00

Balance, $21 45

School Money.

The Selectmen and S. S. Committee, after making a distribution of the school money as per scholar, took from the Dist. No. 1, $90, and from Dist. No. 2, $50, and distributed the $140 among the small districts in town, which has given to the small districts an additional amount of schooling the past year.

Amount of money distributed to the several districts, including money not expended in 1870, and amount due the several districts Feb. 22, 1872.

District No. 1,	Distributed	$932 63	Now due	$175 75
" " 2,	"	506 02	"	25 95
" " 3	"	250 65	"	178 58
" " 4.	"	117 17	"	1 44
" " 5,	"	127 58	"	5 08
" " 6,	"	124 30	"	1 80
" " 7,	"	119 57	"	3 05
" " 8,	"	170 19		
" " 9,	"	130 15		11 15
" " 10.	"	266 69		20 08
" " 11,	"	105 30		
" " 12,	"	27 18	"	9 60
" " 13,	"	85 36		
" " 14,	"	71 01		
" " 15,		District discontinued.		
" " 16.	"	123 54	"	23 18
" " 17,	"	99 54		
" " 18,	"	30 94		
" " 19,		No scholars.		
" " 20,	"	11 60		
				$455 66

Town of Sanford.

IN ACCOUNT WITH SIMON TEBBETS, COLLECTOR, FOR 1869.

1871.		DR.
Feb. 22.	To amount this day due on settlement,	$216 09
1872.		CR.
Feb. 20.	By cash paid Treasurer as per receipt.	216 09

Town of Sanford.

IN ACCOUNT WITH JOHN MERRILL, COLLECTOR, FOR 1870.

1871.		DR.
Feb. 22.	To amount due this day on settlement,	$205 06
	To road tax of 1869, returned,	10 28
Aug. 8.	To amount collected after abatement,	4 05
		$219 39
	CR.	
April 6.	By cash paid J. C. Littlefield, Treasurer, as per receipt,	114 28
Aug. 8.	By non-resident tax, returned to Treasurer,	28 05
	By amount paid J. C. Littlefield,	77 06
		$219 39

Town of Sanford.

IN ACCOUNT WITH ALBERT J. SMITH, COLLECTOR, FOR 1871.

1871.		DR.
July 10.	To tax list, committed as follows:	
	For support of schools for 1871,	3000 00
	Overlay for 1871,	146 83
	Road tax, 1870, returned,	30 48
	Supplementary tax for 1871,	43 30
		$3220 61
	CR.	
Feb. 16.	By cash paid town Treasurer as per receipt,	2074 76
" 19.	" " " " " " "	325 24
		$2400 00
Bal. in the hands of A. J. Smith, Collector, for 1871,		820 61

Town of Sanford,

In Account with Jonas C. Littlefield, Treasurer, for 1871.

1871.		
Feb. 18.	To balance this day due on settlement.	$6154 73
Apr. 27,	To cash received of Selectmen for license of circus, 1870.	5 00
27,	" " " Highway money.	15 00
6.	" " " John Merrill, collector for 1870.	114 28
July 25.	To tax list committed to A. J. Smith, collector for 1871:	
	For support of schools for 1871.	3000 00
	Overlay.	146 83
	Road tax for 1870, returned.	30 48
	Supplementary tax for 1871.	43 30
Aug. 8,	To cash received of A. W. Dam, for sale of cider.	5 00
	" " " John Merrill, collector for 1870.	4 05
	To State school fund for 1870.	60 82
	" " " 1871.	64 10
April 1.	To interest on State Bonds.	179 50
1872.		
Jan. 1.	To cash by the hand of A. W. Dam, collected of the Town of Wells for supplies for John Pierce's family.	9 00
1871.		
April 27.	To cash rec'd of Simon Tebbets, Collector, for 1869,	106 56
	" " " " John Merrill " " 1870.	100 40
Nov.	To interest on State Bonds.	129 50
Feb. 19.	To cash rec'd of Selectmen for sale of oxen.	140 00
	" " " " A. W. Dam, proceeds of produce sold from Town Farm,	38 00
	To cash of A. W. Dam, for money collected of showman for license at Springvale.	5 00
Feb. 19.	To interest on State Bonds unsold.	23 33
" "	Cash rec'd of Simon Tebbets, Collector, for 1869,	109 53
		$10,484 41

		Cr.
1871.		
April 4.	By discount on State Bond sold,	5 00
June 5.	" paid Watson Bros.,	2 25
Sept. 19.	" " County tax for 1871.	950 28
" "	" " State " " "	2,807 97
1872.		
Feb. 19.	By am't of orders this day returned and cancelled.	4,765 44
" 20.	" " " " " " " " "	87 86
" "	" " " " " " " " "	18 00
		$8,636 80
	Bal. due the town from Jonas C. Littlefield, Treasurer, for 1871.	1,847 61

The amount of taxes for 1871, in the hands of A. J. Smith, uncollected, is charged to the Treasurer, as will show in the assets of the town.

Due from the Town, as follows:

1871.	Feb. 22.	Amount of outstanding orders unpaid,	49 23
		" due the several school districts.	455 66
			$504 89

Assets of the Town, as follows:

1871.	Feb. 22.	Due from Jonas C. Littlefield, Treasurer, on tax list committed to Albert J. Smith, Collector for 1871,	$820 61
		Due from Jonas C. Littlefield. Treasurer. in State bond interest, and cash on hand,	1,027 00
		Due from the town of Acton for bill paid by Sanford to State Reform School for board of William Nason,	11 00
		In the hands of A. W. Dam. money collected of Portland & Rochester R. R. Co.,	12 00
			$1,870 61
		Assets of the town,	$1,870 61
		Due from the town,	504 89
		Balance in favor of the town,	$1,365 72

There is due from Hosea Willard the amount he has received for the rent of the Town House, and we have no means of knowing what the amount is at the time of making this Report. Probably it will not exceed $25.00

A. W. DAM,
LEWIS BUTLER,
WILLIAM RUSSELL, } Selectmen of Sanford.

I have examined the accounts of the town of Sanford, as exhibited to me by the Selectmen of said town. and find them correct.

CHARLES O. LORD, Auditor.

SANFORD, February 22, 1872.

REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee

The S. S. Committee of Sanford make the following Report:

DISTRICT NO. 1. JOHN W. FROST. Agent.

Whole No. of scholars in the District, 239.

There have been three terms in this District the past year. The primary department of the Summer, Fall and Winter terms were taught by ELLA S. BUTLER of Springvale. This was her first trial at teaching, but she kept an excellent school. Her order was good, and those scholars that attended constantly made rapid progress. The Summer term was 11 weeks. Whole No. in attendance, 54. Average No., 42 1-2. The Fall term was 10 weeks. Whole No. attending, 52. Average No., 44. The Winter term, 12 weeks. Whole No. in attendance, 62. Average No., 56.

The grammar department has had the same number of terms. The Summer term was taught by FANNIE C. BLACK of Limerick. Her school was a failure, or nearly so. She did not appear to have that interest in the work for a successful teacher. Whole No. in attendance, 63. Average No., 48. The Fall term was taught by A. R. LEAVITT of Parsonsfield. His school was very successful. The teacher was interested in teaching, and the scholars were interested in their studies and the parents were well satisfied. Whole No. in attendance, 43. Average No., 36. The Winter term was taught by JOHN S. FROST of Springvale. He kept a good school. Those scholars that were constant in attendance made good progress in their studies. Whole No. in attendance, 35. Average No., 31.

DISTRICT NO. 2. JONAS K. DORMAN, Agent.

Whole No. of scholars in the District, 140.

There were two terms in this District and two schools each term, primary and grammar. The Summer term, 10 weeks. Winter term, 11 weeks.

The primary was taught by A. CARRIE HAM of Shapleigh, in the Summer. Whole No. in attendance, 48. Average No., 36. She gave general satisfaction. The grammar school, in the Summer, was taught by ELLEN M. EMERY of Sanford. Whole No. in attendance, 30. Average No., 20. Miss EMERY taught in Winter term in the primary, and also taught a term in the Fall in District No. 10. She is a good teacher, and she sustained her good reputation as a first class teacher in these schools the past year.

The grammar school was taught by A. R. LEAVITT of Parsonsfield. Mr. LEAVITT gave good satisfaction. The parents say it was the best school they ever had. No. of scholars attending, 35. Average No., 30.

DISTRICT NO. 3 GEORGE YOUNG, Agent.

Whole No. of scholars in the District, 64.

The Summer term was taught by OLIVE S. GETCHELL of Wells, 11 weeks. Whole No. attending, 43. Average No., 35. The school appeared well. The teacher was industrious and scholars interested. Miss GETCHELL has retired from teaching.

The Winter term is still keeping; has kept at the time of making this Report 16 weeks and has three weeks more to keep. CARRIE GILES of Shapleigh is the teacher. She is having a good school. A good attendance when visited.

DISTRICT NO. 4. JOHN HOOPER of Shapleigh, Agent.

This District is made up of part in this town and part in Shapleigh.

Whole No. of scholars in the part in Sanford, 29.

The Summer term was taught by Miss MARY DAVIS of Shapleigh. No. attending school, 40. Average No., 27. The school appeared well and orderly, and good improvement was made by the scholars. The Committee that visited the school was well satisfied.

The Winter term was taught by OCTAVUS GOODWIN of Shapleigh. Length of term, 14 weeks. Whole No. attending, 26. Average No., 16. Good improvement was made. Mr. GOODWIN will be with more experience a good teacher.

DISTRICT No. 5. JOSEPH SHAW, Agent.

Whole No. of scholars in the Dstrict, 30.

There were two terms in this District, taught by MARIA L. WITHAM of Sanford. Miss WITHAM delights to teach in this school, and the parents and scholars delight to have her do so. She gives satisfaction always, wherever she teaches. The Spring term was 6 weeks. Whole No. in attendance, 20. Average No., 18. The register of the Fall term has not been returned, or if it has been returned it has been mislaid, so in making this Report we have not the register to refer to.

DISTRICT No. 6. WILLIAM RUSSELL, Agent.

Whole No. of scholars, 26.

There was one term in this District of 14 weeks, taught by HUBBARD FOGG of Sanford. Mr. FOGG kept a first rate school. The scholars made rapid improvement, or those did that were constant in their attendance. There were a few scholars that attended but little, and they of course made but little improvement. The Committee were called in by some that were dissatisfied with the teacher, but the Committee after hearing the complaints were satisfied that Mr. FOGG was doing well for the school, and at the close of the term they were well satisfied with his labor in the school.

DISTRICT NO. 7. HIRAM PERKINS, Agent.

Whole No. of scholars in the District, 26.

The Summer term was taught by MARY W. WHEELWRIGHT of Alfred. Whole No. attending, 16. Average No., 14. The Fall term was taught by EMMA GOODWIN of Lyman. Whole No. of scholars attending, 17. Average No., 12. The Committee heard that there were some complaints by parents, but the cause they did not know, for there was no complaint made to them.

DISTRICT NO. 8. SYLVESTER HOUSTON, Agent.

Whole No. of scholars in the District, 44.

The Summer term was taught by MARY L. TRIPP of Sanford. She always has a good school. We heard of some of the parents, or one, at least, that objected to her teaching the scholars, but did not hear the reason. She kept a good school. Whole No. attending, 25. Average. 15. The fall or Winter term was taught by Miss OLIVE S. LITTLEFIELD of Wells. Whole No., 30. Average No. 19. When the Committee visited the school near its close, there were but 10 scholars present. The Committee heard indirectly that there were some complaints on the part of some of the parents, but none made to the Committee. The attendance in each school was less than it should have been, and that is the case with every school in town. The average attendance in all our schools should be greater than it is.

DISTRICT NO. 9 ROBERT CARROLL, Agent.

The whole No. of scholars in the District last Spring, 34.

There was but one term in this District, of 12 weeks, taught by FRANK J. JONES of Lebanon. The whole No. of scholars in attendance, 8. Average No. not given by the teacher in his register. His school appeared well; his work was thorough and good improvement made.

DISTRICT NO. 10. FRANCIS CHADBOURN, Agent.

Whole No. of scholars in the District, 38.

There were two terms in this District. The Summer term was taught by Miss ELLEN M. EMERY of Sanford. Whole No. attending, 31. Aver-

age attendance 18. The Fall, or Winter term, was taught by ELIZA J. RUSSELL of Alfred. Whole No. attending 22. Average No., 20. Both of these teachers have had a large experience in teaching, and always give good satisfaction. It is always safe to employ them as teachers. Their order and improvement were satisfactory.

DISTRICT NO. 11. F. TEBBETS, Agent.

Whole No. of scholars in the District, 22.

There was one term in this District, of 16 weeks, taught by ANNA F. LITTLEFIELD of Wells. The school appeared well when visited. The order was very good and fair improvement made by the scholars. No. attending school, 13. Avera.e No., 9.

DISTRICT No. 12 is a part of a District. The scholars in this District attend school in an adjoining District, in No. Berwick, and it is not visited by the Committee of this town. The whole No. of scholars belonging to this District, in Sanford, 7.

DISTRICT NO. 13. NAHUM P. ALLEN, Agent.

Whole No. of scholars in the District, 18.

This school was taught by ABBIE A. HURD of Sanford, one term of 15 weeks. Miss HURD is an excellent teacher. She gave good satisfaction. No. attending school, 13. Average No., 10.

DISTRICT NO. 14. HIRAM DAVIS, Agent.

Whole No. of scholars in the District, 11.

Length of school, 95 days. Taught by NELLIE A. PATTEN. No. attending, 6. Average No., 4. It appears to the Committee that if this District and No. 13 were united into one District it would be better for both.

DISTRICT NO. 15 has been discontinued and annexed to other Districts with good results. We would advise to have Districts No. 13 and 14 to be united into one District.

DISTRICT NO. 16. WILLIAM C. WEYMOUTH, Agent.

Whole No. of scholars in the District, 35.

There was but one term, taught by ANNIE GOODWIN of Berwick. The school was well attended. There was some lack of order on account of too much familiarity between scholars and teacher. The improvement was very good. We cannot report as to the No. attending school or the average No., because the teacher has not returned her register. No teacher ought to receive their pay unless they comply with the law in regard to returning their register to the S. S. Committee. There have been several instances of such neglect the past year. The law expressly provides that no teacher of common schools shall be entitled to their pay until they return their register, properly filled out, to the S. S. Committee.

There are some teachers that after they get their pay care nothing about whether their register is duly returned or not. The Committee cannot make up their Report to the State Superintendent of Schools as it ought to be. unless they can have the registers of all the teachers in town for the past year. We wish the Selectmen would make it a rule to draw no order for a teacher's wages until they had reasonable evidence that the teacher had returned their register filled out to the satisfaction of the Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 17. LORENZO DOW, Agent.

This District has united with it a part of a District from Shapleigh and a part from Alfred. The whole No. of scholars in the part in Sanford is 16.

There has been two terms in this District, taught by Miss M. ALICE RICKER of Acton. Whole No. attending in the Summer term, 15. Average attendance, 13.

The Fall term, whole No., 17. Average No., 15. Miss RICKER is a good teacher and kept an excellent school.

DISTRICT NO. 18 is a part of a District. There were 8 scholars in the part in Sanford. The scholars attend school with a District in Lebanon, and three scholars in District No. 20 that attend school in Acton.

The schools in town have been generally successful. There has been some complaint. and some children have been kept from the school room when they should have been present. Some of the teachers were deficient in energy and had a lack of the love for the school room. Parents can make a poor school better and they can make what would be a good school a poor one, if they so determine. Their influence over their children has a great deal to do, either for good or evil, in the school. Parents, see to it that your children are kept constantly at school, whether the teacher is a good teacher or a poor one in your estimation. In examining the registers of teachers, we find that there has been less than fifty per cent. of the whole number of children between the ages of 4 and 21 that attended school. This ought not to be so. There ought to be at least 75 per cent. of the children of these ages attend school three months a year. Then the average number attending school is less than it should be. There have been schools that the average is as good as we could expect, and others are a great deal less than it should be. We see by the teachers' registers that a large number of scholars are tardy in getting to school. Parents should make some exertions to have their children at school at the time set for the school to commence in the morning. Those scholars who arrive at school after it has commenced in the morning or in the afternoon are injured thereby in their studies and exercises in school, and their coming in after the school has commenced has an injurious effect on the whole school, by disturbing the exercises and otherwise influencing other scholars to be late.

In the villages of Springvale and Sanford Corner there is a large number of children who ought to attend school some, at least, who have not attended at all, and some for only a short time, who work in the mills or shops. Parents will bestow a greater benefit on their children by giving them an education than they will by leaving to them a few dollars and let them grow up destitute of a common school education. There is money enough raised in town every year for the support of schools to give every child, when he grows up, a good education, if the parents do their duty to their children, and send them to school as they ought to do.

The law requires that the agent of each school district, in the month of March or April, annually, shall call a district meeting for the choice of an agent, and for other business, by causing notices to be given, as provided by law. This has not been done the past year in some districts by agents, which has caused some complaints in those districts. Immediately after the annual town meeting in March, the several district agents should call a district meeting, by posting up notices, according to law, so that the several districts in town can choose an agent, clerk, and to transact any other business that may be necessary for the welfare of the school. And it is the duty of the voters of the district to attend and then and there have a voice in the affairs pertaining to the district.

It is very often the case that only a few attend the meetings, and then those who do not attend will find fault and grumble about the management of their schools. Now the greater blame actually falls upon those who are careless and neglect attending their district meetings. Let every voter attend the district meeting and have a voice in the matter.

ASA LOW,
HOSEA S. MERRIFIELD,
GEO. B. ILLSLEY,
} S. S. Committee of Sanford.

Sanford, Feb. 19, 1872.

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